

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1234  
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Teena Bradley of Elizabethton upon her receipt of the Outstanding Community Support Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2006, Elizabethton resident Teena Bradley received the "Outstanding Community Support Award" during the East Tennessee State University Honors Day Reception at the Carnegie Hotel's Grand Soldiers Ballroom; and

WHEREAS, Teena Bradley was also presented a State proclamation for "I Pinky Promise" and the establishment of SERF, a special education resource fair that provides networking opportunities for educators, advocates, parents, and professionals to learn about the most current innovations and resources for the disabled and underserved; and

WHEREAS, prior to establishing SERF (Special Education Resource Fair), Ms. Bradley was president of "I Pinky Promise," a family education group she founded in 2000 in honor of families of children with special needs and mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, she has also held the position of Vice President of the ARC of Carter County, and served as a specialist for developmentally disabled children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bradley was previously innovative in the private business sector as owner and founder of Dolls and Crafts by Talishia and also served as director of her privately-owned day care center in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, her managerial skills and entrepreneurial experiences have earned Ms. Bradley a reputation for providing skilled and practical techniques in order to develop impressive strategies for advocate support and structure; and

WHEREAS, Teena Bradley is credited with restarting the ARC of Carter County after the absence of this organization had left citizens without services and advocacy for more than thirty years; Ms. Bradley obtained a tax exempt 501(c)(3) designation for the ARC of Carter County to ensure the renewal of services for the developmentally disabled and underserved; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bradley currently serves with distinction as a family outreach specialist contract staff member and Youth in Action coordinator for Tennessee Voices for Children; she has received numerous honors and accolades, and epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Teena Bradley takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Teena Bradley, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve their fellow citizens with special needs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Teena Bradley upon her receipt of the Outstanding Community Support Award, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.